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This electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on issues affecting the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Delta topics turn up in two prominent speeches this month Two prominent speeches this month touched on a number of issues related to the Delta. In his State of the State address, Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. discussed some of the issues in the Delta and the need for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. And in a speech delivered this week, Delta Stewardship Council Chair Phil Isenberg offered answers to some of the current questions concerning the Delta.

**Conservancy board** approves draft implementation plan The Delta Conservancy Board has approved the Draft Program Implementation Plan for the current fiscal year. The plan briefly describes the status and initial performance measures of projects. It includes the clarification that any future bond funding the conservancy receives is for project funding, not day-to-day operations. The plan will remain a draft because it may be updated and changed on more than an annual basis. More information on the plan is available in the conservancy's winter newsletter.

Free workshop offering promotional help for Delta tourism Businesses and organizations that promote activities in the Delta are invited to attend a free workshop on improving tourism in the area. The workshop is being provided by the Delta Conservancy on Friday, Feb. 8,



in Isleton. It will offer information on utilizing the tourism websites of the Central Valley Tourism Association and Visit California.

Science board, stakeholder committee set for Friday meetings Discussion of amending the Agricultural Water Measurement Regulation is on the agenda for an Agricultural Stakeholders Committee meeting that will be webcast tomorrow, Feb. 1. The committee will look at revising the aggregated farm-gate delivery form. The current form may create problems because it requires reporting of water use over portions of two different water years. Also tomorrow, the Delta Independent Science Board will hold a teleconference to discuss a report on Delta habitat restoration and the reviews of Chapter 7 of the BDCP.

Mark your calendars for the IWM summit and conference Save the dates for the upcoming Integrated Water Management (IWM) Summit and the Integrated Regional Water Management Conference. Both will be in Sacramento: the summit on April 3, and the conference on April 4 and 5. They will include discussions about the challenges and opportunities that exist in flood, ecosystem and water management. Details will be available in an upcoming edition of the Delta eNews.







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